Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* That is a question to which I cannot give an immediate answer as it involves a matter of Government policy.

CASES DETECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRICE CONTROL ORDERS—PARTICULARS OF

103. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state on Taluk war and Municipal war and Caste war basis.—

(*a*) the number of cases detected in connection with the prices, grain, kerosene, sugar, paper and other articles control orders;

(*b*) the number prosecuted;

(*c*) the number of cases withdrawn;

(*d*) the number convicted and the punishments;

(*e*) the number acquitted or discharged ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) Number of cases detected 83.

Taluk war		*Municipality war*		*Caste war list of persons*	
Cochin-Kanayannur	41	Ernakulam	7	Christians	43
Mukundapuram	7	Mattancheri	13	Muslims	12
Cranganur	6	Irinjalakkuda	4	Saraswath Brahmins	13
Trichur	19	Trichur	13	Brahmins	4
Talappalli	8			Nayars	5
Chittur	2			Banian	1
				Kudumy	1
				Pulayan	1
				Pisharody	1
				Chetty	2
				Ezhuvas	6
Total	83		37		89

(*b*) Number prosecuted—Cases 62, persons 66.

Taluk war		*Municipality war*		*Caste war*	
Cochin-Kanayannur	29	Ernakulam	5	Christians	40
Mukundapuram	7	Mattancheri	3	Muslims	6
Cranganur	5	Irinjalakkuda	4	Saraswath Brahmins	4
Trichur	13	Trichur	7	Brahmins	3
Talappalli	8			Nayars	3
				Banian	1
				Kudumi	1
				Pulayan	1
				Pisharody	1
				Chetty	1
				Ezhuvas	5
Total	62		19		66

(*c*) Number of cases withdrawn—nil.

(*d*) Number convicted—Cases 39, persons 42.

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Taluk war		*Municipality war*		*Caste war*	
Cochin-Kanayannur	17	Ernakulam	3	Christians	24
Mukundapuram	4	Mattancheri	1	Muslims	2
Cranganur	5	Irinjalakkuda	2	Saraswath Brahmins	4
Trichur	9	Trichur	5	Brahmins	3
Talappalli	4			Nayars	2
				Banian	1
				Kudumi	1
				Pulayan	1
				Chetty	1
				Ezhuvas	3
Total	39		11		42

List of punishments is appended

(e) The number acquitted or discharged cases 3, persons 3.

Taluk war		*Municipality war*		*Caste war*	
Mukundapuram	1	Irinjalakkuda	1	Christians	3
Trichur	2	Trichur	2		
Total	3		3		3

LIST

Serial No.	*Sentence*
1.	One accused fined Rs. 75 or Rigorous Imprisonment for 2 months in default.
2.	Do. fined Rs. 40 or do. do.
3.	Do. fined Rs. 40 do. do.
4.	Do. fined Rs. 20 or do. do.
5.	Do. fined Rs. 10 or Simple Imprisonment for 5 days do.
6.	Do. fined Rs. 45 or Rigorous Imprisonment for 2 months do.
7.	Do. fined Rs. 45 do. do.
8.	Do. fined Rs. 25 or do. do.
9.	Do. fined Rs. 35 or do. do.
10.	Do. fined Rs. 20 or do. do.
11.	Do. fined Rs. 25 or do. do.
12.	Do. fined Rs. 20 or do. do.
13.	Do. fined Rs. 50 or do. do.
14.	Do. do. do. do.
15.	Do. fined Rs. 70 or do. do.
16.	Do. fined Rs. 25 or Rigorous Imprisonment for 1½ months do.
17.	Do. fined Rs. 10 or Rigorous Imprisonment for 1 month do.
18.	Do. fined Rs. 10 or do. do.
19.	Do. fined Rs. 60 or Rigorous Imprisonment for 60 days do.
20.	Do. fined Rs. 250 or Rigorous Imprisonment for 4 months do.
21.	Do. fined Rs. 100 or Rigorous Imprisonment for 1½ months do.
22.	Do. fined Rs. 100 or Simple Imprisonment for 2 months do.
23.	Do. fined Rs. 5 or Simple Imprisonment for 3 days do.
24.	Do. fined Rs. 5 or Simple Imprisonment for 3 days do.
25.	Two accused—A. 1—Rs. 10 or Rigorous Imprisonment for 10 days do. A. 2—Rs. 15 or Rigorous Imprisonment for 15 days do.
26.	One accused fined Rs. 51 or Simple Imprisonment for 1 month do.
27.	Two accused fined Rs. 150 or Simple Imprisonment for 6 months each do.
28.	One accused fined Rs. 200 or do. do.
29.	Do. fined Rs. 300 or do. do.
30.	Do. do. do. do.
31.	Do. fined Rs. 100 or do. do.

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Serial No.	*Sentence*	
32.	The accused Rigorous Imprisonment for 2 months	
33.	Do. fined Rs. 51 or Simple Imprisonment for 3 months	in default
34.	Do. fined Rs. 35 or do.	do.
35.	Do. fined Rs. 30 or Simple Imprisonment for 1 month	do.
36.	Do. fined Rs. 75 or Simple Imprisonment for 3 months	do.
37.	Do. Rigorous Imprisonment for 2 months	
38.	Do. do.	do.
39.	Two accused fined Rs. 75 or Simple Imprisonment for 6 months	do.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* These figures were collected up to the middle of November and so the statement is not up to date.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know the officers who detected the cases against Saraswath Brahmins? Only four have been prosecuted out of 13 cases detected. The percentage is so less. Probably the cases will be false.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I can't concede that statement.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The number of Christians prosecuted is far more than in any community. They simply have got a sort of malice towards them. The number prosecuted is far less in other communities.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* That depends upon the number of merchant class in each community.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Out of the 13 cases detected only four have been convicted and the prosecutions are far less.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Other cases have been under investigation.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* But all the four have been convicted. In the case of others the percentage of charge sheeting is less.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* That does not mean that others have been let off. Their cases will be charged in due course.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Are the Government aware of the article in the Gomathi complaining that sugar has been suppressed by certain merchants in Trichur Town?

Mr. President: I do not think that it is a supplementary question.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Question (*a*) deals with the number of cases detected in connection with the prices, grain, kerosene, sugar, paper and other articles. So I think the question arises. My submission is that it does not come under calendar cases. It is a general complaint published by the Gomathi that certain quantity of sugar is suppressed by the merchants and do not sell them to the retailers. If the Government will be so pleased I would like to know whether anything is being done in the line.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* It has not come to our notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, what is the case of the remaining number of detected cases which did not go to prosecution?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* At the time of preparing this statement so many cases were charge-sheeted and got convicted others were under investigation and probably they are all charge-sheeted by now. This statement stops with November. At any one time certain cases will be in courts and certain cases will be in the hands of the Police.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Can the House be told whether any detected cases have been referred?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Detected cases cannot be referred. They will be charged.

Rao Sahib L. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I have got the information in answer to an interpellation on Monday. That is with regard to the number of meetings held by the College Advisory Committee. On going through the rules I find that the rules say that the committee should ordinarily meet three times a year, provided there are subjects for discussion,

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I have got the minutes book and on going through that I find that meetings were held on the following dates. On 5th February 1938 when Mr. Mills was in charge. Then on 26th March 1938 when Mr. Karunakaran Nayar was in charge when Mr. Mills was on leave. Third was on 20th April 1938. The next meeting was on 16th May 1938, when Mr. Karunakaran Nayar was in charge. The fifth was on 1st January 1939 when again Mr. Karunakaran Nayar was in charge. The next was on 22nd September 1939 when also Mr. Karunakaran Nayar was in charge. Mr. Mills returned and there was a meeting on 23rd March 1940. Again two more meetings were held, while Mr. Mills was in charge, on 19th May 1940 and 16th November 1940. Then notice of two meetings were issued by the Principal. Meetings were to be held in Meenam 1116 and 1117. In Meenam 1116 notice of meeting was issued. No member was present. It will be in March 1941. The next one was in Meenam 1117 that was also about March 1942. In the case of both these meetings notices were issued but no member attended except the member from the staff. So neither of these meetings could be held and the business intended to be discussed at these two meetings had to be gone through by circulation.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there any travelling allowance for attending these meetings?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* From the statements given will the Hon'ble President allow us to put questions.

Mr. President: I regret I cannot allow it.

THE COCHIN VERUMPATTAMDARS BILL—*(cont.)*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadadkkancheri):* Mr. President, Sir, I move that a proviso as follows be added to sub-clause *(d)*—Provided that varam and pankupattam arrangements created after 1st Kumbham 1114 of holdings which were verumpattam tenures before the said date shall be considered as verumpattam tenures.

Explanation.—"Varam and pankupattam tenures granted by Receivers appointed by Courts of Law shall not be affected by this proviso." The object of tabling this amendment is to bring certain classes of tenure holders within the ambit of verumpattamdars who alone are to enjoy the benefits of this Act, namely fixity of tenure or permanancy of occupancy. The sub-clause in question, Sir, defines a verumpattamdar. The earlier portion of sub-clause lays down who a verumpattamdar is. It goes on to say that a tharikuthukaran of the Chittur Taluk is included in that definition. Towards the close of the definition we have the category of tenants who are not verumpattamdars. In that category of exclusions that will not be given the benefits of this all important Act comes two kinds of tenants, varam tenants and pankupattam tenants. So in other words, varam tenants and pankupattam tenants are not to enjoy the advantages of this proposed legislation. Even an ultra-protagonist of the tenant class will not say that varapattam tenants and pankupattam tenants should be given fixity of tenure, because in the very nature of such tenures they are evictable. Nobody can complain. But the amendment seeks to serve certain class of varapattam and pankupattam tenants. As a consequence, Sir, of the solemn statement which was referred to yesterday made by the then Hon'ble Diwan President, two things have emerged. Quite a large number of tenants who otherwise would not have been evicted, as a matter of fact have been evicted. Another consequence that followed from that statement is that quite a large number of verumpattamdars who would under this Act enjoy the benefits of it have been changed into persons who cannot enjoy the benefits of the Act. The nature of their tenures have been changed. One method of change was to convert a verumpattamdar into a varam tenant or a pankupattam tenant. Quite a large number of such changes has been made since the 1st of Kumbham 1114. That possibility and that apprehension entertained by a large section of the tenant population is referred to in that statement, which Sir, is worth repeating. "Talking about a measure of that kind, I have heard apprehensions expressed in certain quarters that in anticipation of such a measure some landlords are also trying to evict verumpattam tenants without proper cause and *some are trying to change the character of the tenures by some means or other.*" One resort that was taken to by these kind-hearted jenmies was to change the nature of the tenure, from verumpattam to varam tenures and pankupattam tenures the implication of which the poor and

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